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first means for generating light for the display panel; and

second means made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material for housing the display panel, wherein the second means is connected directly to the display panel and functions as a light pipe so as to conduct light received from the first means for generating light directly to the display panel and wherein the single light transmissive material has the same light transmissive characteristics throughout.

17. A method for conducting light in a computer system having a LCD and a LCD housing comprising:

generating light; and

conducting the generated light through the LCD housing directly to the LCD, wherein the LCD housing is made in a single piece from a single light transmissive material, wherein the single light transmissive material has the same light transmissive characteristics throughout and functions as a light pipe for illuminating the LCD and as a housing which protects the LCD.

20. A computer display comprising:

a LCD housing made by a unitary construction of a single translucent material which has the same light transmissive characteristic throughout;

a light source coupled to the LCD housing so as to transmit light into the LCD housing; and

a LCD coupled to the LCD housing such that said LCD is supported by said LCD housing, and wherein light received from the light source is transmitted from the LCD housing to the LCD.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 16, 17 and 20 have been amended by this paper. Claim 10 was cancelled previously and claims 2-9, 11-15, 18 and 19 remain unchanged by this amendment. Hence, by this paper, claims 1-9 and 11-20 are presented for further examination.

The specific changes to the amended Claims are shown on a separate set of pages attached hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, the insertions are underlined while the deletions are stricken through.